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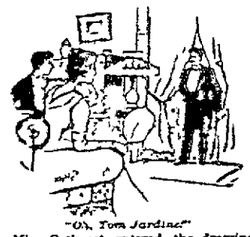

"Oh, Tom Jardine!"

Miss Cathcart entered the drawing room in evening dress and a very pert-looking frame of mind. Her brother followed her in like physical and mental habiliments.

"There's no use getting up so rough about it, Evvy," he said. "I'm in no end of a hurry as it is."

"You certainly have done your best to get into trouble," she returned, "and as usual one man's trouble means several women's."

"But how am I to get out of it?" he asked helplessly.

"How like a man that is!" she said fanning herself vigorously.

"That's all right. But you are a woman and a woman has resources."

"Mother is a woman. Why don't you go to her?"

"Mother" he repeated. "She would be so flustered she'd never think of anything but reminiscences for me. Besides I'm sure you are in something of my fix yourself."

"I am in no trouble that I am aware of except this that you have thrust upon us," she said.

"You are in love," retorted he.

"Thanks for the old synonym."

"But you will be a good sister and try to help me?"

"What sort of a wedding present are you going to give me?"

"Anything you want from a sewing machine to a brownstone house."

The usual promise of futurity. Seriously Ralph," she said, "do I know all about his matter? From college you go abroad. Ma ma gives you a letter to her old friend the Marquis de Mar[illegible]ean, whom you found in his old chateau in one of the provinces"——

"With [illegible] idea of the English language and will to learn it."

"You offered to teach it to him."

"I gave him a lesson every day for six months."

"And what were those lessons, oh shade of Webster?"

"Why did it for a piece of fun," sighed the young man. "It was his intention—he an writer to be fresh from college and he to [illegible] a savant an such nity to the gift of tongues. He did not know the [illegible] we do not consider ourselves to the classics, so long as all [illegible] be [illegible]."

"You mean fellow you taught him all the slang phrases you knew and he thinks them the most elegant English."

"I believe [illegible] I did it all in."

"She means most," said his sister. "Well you little know there was a [illegible] existence."

"Oh yes I do," quickly replied Ralph. "I see was way [illegible] and I made [illegible] fever [illegible] When my [illegible] he were up and I [illegible] the marquis had [illegible] me and if several [illegible] times he [illegible] as I had taught him."

"All [illegible] had imbibed from you. Why I met it again [illegible] you me! Marie and at once fell in love with her."

"She is divine."

"Of course I am divine to Tom I [illegible]. The upshot of it was that you prepared and were accepted and the marquis [illegible] insisted upon bringing Marie to visit us [illegible] having enthused him with [illegible] description of our institutions. Marie is certainly charming—and she has brought a marvelous set of gowns with her from the atelier of Fenz. She has been in her room this hour past preparing for Mrs. Montgomery's ball which on [illegible] is to be a particularly smart function."

"Mother has not met them then?" said Ralph. "Oh I remember she was dressing when they came. What will she say when she hears them talk?"

"They may use French," suggested his sister, wiring her bracelets in a nervous fashion.

"You forget," cried Ralph, "how stated the marquis is over his newly acquired English—he refuses to use any French since he set his foot on American soil, and insists that Marie shall do as he does. And he has a horror of argot or slang, deprecates its use in France. That made it all the funnier for me to teach him our own. Giving Emerson and other polite writers as authority while he inveighed against the ruin of his own language by the [illegible] talk of Parisian streets."

"French slang—yes I remember some of it. Did this child of the boulevards tell you that the Parisian will tell you a man has not caught cold in his eyes when he is not to be cheated? That one who is self opinionated does not use his feet as a mouchoir?"

And" went on Ralph, with a flash of transient enjoyment over the past, that when a man goes to bed he wraps up the meat in a cloth; that to call a man a canary bird is an opprobrious insult if you drink absinthe, it is 'strangling the parrot' if you take Cliequot, you make eyes at the widow; if you are guillotined you have succeed in the basket if you accept flattery, you 'drink milk.' If you buy things on credit, you get them on your eye.' That's not the worst of it," the cheerful [illegible] evaporating. "What will he do when he knows the truth? He will think me a first class scoundrel, go back at once to France and take Marie from me forever."

"And what will he think of me?" demanded Evvy. "We are in as much of a scrape as you are and through you. Well, the only thing I can see for us to do is for all of us to talk as they will."

"You can imagine mother using slang, can't you?" sarcastically remarked Ralph.

"We might coach her," cheerfully suggested his sister. "I myself have frequently said 'chestnuts' over some of your stock college stories, you know. And as for Tom"——

"Oh, Tom Jardine," interrupted he, "he's all right."

"Thank you, sir; Tom does not indulge in the patois of the streets."

"Everybody does nowadays."

"Not the way you do."

"The way I used to," he corrected. "Evvy, I will never use slang again as long as I live."

"But you have learned your lesson," she said gravely.

At that moment the portieres were agitated, and Tom Jardine came in with a blessing spirit from

"Eh, Evvy!" cried he, "who want your game? You are stunning in that ball dress."

"Oh, Tom," she said, distressedly flying to him "the marquis and Marie have arrived."

"Tom," exonerated Ralph, "I've put my foot in it."

"Tom," insisted Evvy, "Ralph's in such a way! He has confessed to me, and I don't know what's too bad for him."

I wish somebody would confess a little to me" said Jardine in a puzzled tone What do you two mean?"

Tom" impressively replied nervous Ralph you talk slang, don't you?"

I can," returned Jardine "but I never do."

Wouldn't you do it for me?" asked Evvy

"Talk slang for you?" said Jardine, looking at her as at a hieroglyphic

Ralph stopped in his feverish walk.

'Evvy's going to do it," he said.

I'd talked it for you as well, Tom," she said.

But I don't want you to talk slang for me," cried Jardine.

She looked at him wonderingly

No," she said, I want you to do it for me."

Jardine telescoped his opera hat.

Evvy" he said sternly are you crazy? Tell me this instant what all this idiocy means.

Tell him" groaned Ralph, I can't I believe I'm losing my mind"

Jardine [illegible] not resist the opportunity of saying that the lost article would be returned to its owner without a reward and no questions asked

Don't Tom" said Evvy at this levity Don't you think you might respect the woman you have asked to marry you? This is no time for silly jests"

'Evvy" said Ralph, take him into the conservatory and tell him all about it The marquis or Marie might come here in the middle of it"

Miss Cathcart, with an injured air, led the way Jardine, with his chin elevated but beating suspiciously at Ralph, followed her out of the room

II

"Oh take ze talk"

Left to himself Ralph plunged his hands into his pockets as woebegone a specimen as had accepted an invitation to a ball that evening.

What an ass a fellow may be when he wants to" was his cogitation 'I'll never commit another joke so long as I live. Live! I'll die if Marie is taken away from me"

He put his hands up before his face and stood for a minute motionless. A movement in the room startled him. There was the naughty old marquis in his French idea of evening dress a coat on his back which may have been made for him twenty years back But the marquis was one of the ancien regime for all that He stuck his eyeglass up the merriment of a child in his face

Oh my boy" he said in his new English how it goes, eh? How is ze royal mibe?—as Benjamin Franklin say"

Ralph with a ghastly smile faced him Monsieur" he returned I see you are ready for the ball"

In [illegible]" replied the marquis. Oui—yes I am ze dandy dresser as Emerson remark"

And Marie?"

She will be here presentment" answered the father She will go town paint red And vare is ze old lady madame ze mere—your mozer?"

His eyes were on his expectant son in law who could not in so than say he was expecting the advent of his mother at any minute

The marquis every well made tooth showing tapped him on the arm

Ze young man look ouwell" he laughed Mon cher I have myself been care It is ze dinner so vin—you razzle dazzle eh? Let up on ze vin, dear boy or ze leetle rains you will have—vat you call ze snakes. Brace up—bruce up' Ah"

For here Mrs. Cathcart, in sweeping velvet and jewels sailed in

'Marquis" she cried 'I sai bien de la joie de vous voir"

'E-english E-english" cried he shaking his head negatively Je ne puis parle pas Francais."

Que voulez vous dire?" she insisted.

Parlez Anglais" returned he austeriously Parlez Anglais?"

Ah" she said as he raised her fingers to his lips. I see But my dear monsieur this pleasure after twenty five years interruption of our old acquaintance is indeed appreciated How much we have to talk over the changes of time old friends in France and all that. And you will surely forgive me for not welcoming you when you arrived"——

You knock me silly madame as Washington say at Trenton" interrupted the marquis. I comprendez—it vas ze toilette zat detain you I catch on"

What is that?" sharply asked his hostess. I—ah, Marie! Where is she"

In ze boudoir," responded he 'Ze last word she say 'Old man, give me not away, she refer to ze costume"

Give away her costume!" said Mrs. Cathcart, in a stunned sort of way. "I do not understand"

Ralph had been on tenter hooks all this time he feared an explosion was at hand With a smothered exclamation he ran out of the room to seek Jardine and Evvy.

His mother looked after him.

It is nozzings," said the marquis happily "It is ze razzle dazzle, ze chaten, as Hawzora call it."

Mrs. Cathcart edged away from him. "Really," she began, when he broke in

'You astonish wiz my fluency in ze Anglais? Ralph he teach me, I teach Marie"

Mrs. Cathcart caught her breath, she knew her son of old

"Ralph taught you English?" she said, a crimson flood spreading across her face a light breaking in upon her

"Mais oui," answered the smiling marquis. "I will speak no ozer tong—it is ravishment. You must hear Marie, she climb all over me, as my nay in ze school at Concord."

She had not a word to say What could she have said? But her anger for Ralph was something more than normal.

"Oui," her guest was volubly going on, "Marie she work ze Anglais for all it is worth."

And then Tom Jardine was with them, his face a match for hers.

"Tom," said she, "have you heard that Ralph is responsible for the English of the marquis and his daughter?"

"It is simply outrageous," returned that young man. "And Evvy wishes us all to talk this way in order to screen Ralph. I've just had a tiff with her regarding the matter."

"Tiff" cried the marquis. "Zat is ze same as scrap, eh?"

"Pardon me, monsieur," said Mrs. Cathcart. "allow me—Mr. Tom Jardine."

The marquis grasped Jardine's hand. "Ah," he murmured, "Ralph he tell me you will be ze mari—ze husband of Mees Cathcart. I congr-ratulate you, sair Mees Cathcart is too sweet for any use Madame, je lui en ai fait mon compliment."

Jardine was a thoroughly angry man. The happy frame of mind of Ralph's victim did not tend to placate him. He heard a sound out in the hall, and he thought it was Ralph come to see how he would disport himself. He did not care what happened, the marquis should not be made a jest of any further.

"Monsieur," he said, "I regret to say that a miserable practical joke"——

He got no further, for it had not been Ralph in the hall, instead, there stood a vision of youth and beauty, one of the fairest of the lilies of France, and arrayed in the Solomon glory of Felix.

Mrs. Cathcart went toward her with outstretched arms.

Marie," she said, my dear child, est-ce bien vous? is it really you?" and Marie, standing there bashfully, her beautiful eyes raised gently, merely answered

'Ah, zare!"

Mrs. Cathcart fell back.

"Marie" called her father, "salute madame!"

Marie raised her coral lips to the elder lady, and wondered at the chasteness of the salute she received.

"Marie," said the marquis, "behold ze fiance of Mees Cathcart, Mistair Tommy Garden Ah, you must hear Marie's E-english"

Marie bowing low to Jardine, modestly said

"Papa you make me tired, go take ze walk and get ze hair cut"

Mrs. Cathcart who was now beginning to look something like a novelist's duchess and not so much like a mortified woman here interposed

"Marie," she said, "I am sorry, heartily sorry"—when her heart failed her the girl seemed so happy—"I mean, you are looking lovely"

'Oh," returned Marie in a low voice, her eyes downcast, "vat are you giving us, taffy?"

"I mean," Mrs. Cathcart went on hesitatingly, "that your gown is vastly becoming"

Even a modest girl takes courage when her dress is praised.

"Oh ze bal Americain," lisped Marie. "I shall go to ze bal I shall have so daisy time. I shall get so work in Papa he is not in it—he is vat you say on se shelf played out papa he is so trump," and she kissed the marquis filially, "but I have ze drop on ze Anglais."

You see" the marquis faintly beamed, "Marie speak ze E-english like ze-lum tum. You tumbles, as ze poet John L., sair"

Ah" said Mario, with a sweet girlish laugh, 'I novair get left. I get serve all ze same"

Jardine had been fairly boiling, speech was a safety valve

This is more than shocking," he said. "I am ready to faint," poor Mrs Cath[illegible]

[illegible] shoulders. Monsieur" he said, "there is—ah—consider able of a mistake The garden is not unpleasantly cool, if you will go there with me I will explain"

Marie looked kindly at him.

Ze jardin" she said. Go, papa, and chin wiz Tommy, I would be wiz madame Scoot! Get ze move on you! Light out! Skip! Dust! Ah, vat I see!"

What she saw was a photograph of Ralph on a table She went there with her father an I examined the picture.

Oh Tom" gasped Mrs Cathcart.

Come, monsieur," called Tom, his nostrils expanded

Not a word Tom," said a voice, and Evvy had quietly entered the room 'Ralph is nearly beside himself"

But Jardine was not in a state of mind to bear contradiction "I certain ly shall tell this man the truth" he said

Then every thing is over between us," returned Evvy in his own manner

Her mother wrung her gloved hands.

Be still ze mma said Evvy herself on the verge of desperation "There will certainly be a way out of it. Ralph is nearly frantic"

'Come, monsieur" said Jardine 'Explain to him," whispered Evvy to her lover, a heightened color in her face, and we are strangers from this night on"

But Jardine paid no attention to her

Monsieur!" he called peremptorily The marquis ambled away from the table

I am wiz you moncher," he said. Then politely to Evvy "Mees, I con gratulate you, you are Mistair Tommy's best girl" and with a profusion of bows and apologetic g turns he followed after Jardine, who carried himself like a ramrod. Only then did Marie put down the picture of Ralph.

"Good," said she 'Now, I wiz ze mama and zo sistair of ze man zat teach papa ze beautiful E-english. I love my Ralph first because he teach papa zo beautiful E-english You catch on? I may make zo mistake ten times out of nine, but if madame or mees will tip me ze wink I will make zo regular circus every time See? I am zo talker from Talkerville See?"

Mrs. Cathcart sat heavily down "Was there ever such a horror?' she asked of space

'Marie — said Evvy, then stopped, for what had she to say?

Marie looked timidly at her.

"But my E-english is beautiful?" she asked deprecatingly "It is not passee? It is moderne?"

'Very modern," answered Evvy, with meaning, "very, very modern"

"Ah!" cried Marie gleefully, "I like zo mode—my costume du bal is zo mode I am zo stuff I will paint zo town"

Evvy caught her arm

"My poor Marie!" she said. "Oh," viciously, "if I had my will of Ralph!"

'Will!" echoed Marie. "Will of Ralph! Will—cat means zo test'ment of so man vat pass in zo checks, kicks zo bucket and leave zo boodle. Ralph—Ralph is not ill!'

"I should like to make him so," replied Evvy

Marie jerked herself away from her and drew herself up.

"Mademoiselle," she said, with considerable hauteur, "you must not sit on Ralph—ze person zat give my Ralph zo cold shake is N G You hear me?"

Mrs. Cathcart had split one of her gloves in pieces.

'Marie," she said with hysterical determination, "come with me; I must explain this awfulness to you."

But she had her daughter to contend with.

"Mamma," said Evvy, "remember! Ralph loves her. Separate them and I do not know what will happen."

"I will not allow this to go on," returned her mother. "Marie!"

"Hot zo hall" demurred Marie; "do we not attend zo bal, vare I shoot off my E-english?"

"I must speak with you," said the ex-

"Ralph has not been kind to you."

Marie started, but looked incredulous.

"Not kind!" she repeated. "Vy he teach papa zo E-english. Vell, I vill listen, but Ralph you cannot make not kind. Zat is no sine of it. Ta, ta, Mees Evvy! Zo long!"

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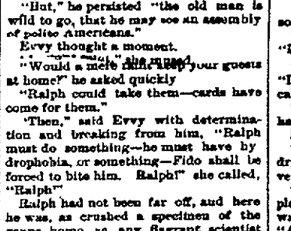

"Is ze skeeze here yet?"

Left alone Evvy was torn with conflicting emotions; she really feared for Ralph's reason, from what she had witnessed of his manner in the conservatory, and then Tom had presumed to do what she had not wished him to do.

She sat there, angry with Ralph, pitying him, angry with Tom, and not pitying him.

And thus Tom found her. He raised the door curtains and regarded her troubled face

"Evvy!" he called softly.

Her face froze at once.

"Sir!" she said.

He entered the room, swishing the curtain after him.

"At least," he said, "you might remember who I am."

With elevated brows she answered that there was small danger of her forgetting his identity. He was somewhat meeker as he said that he had done nothing

"Nothing," she echoed. "You went deliberately against my expressed wishes."

"May I ask in what way?" asked he.

"Where is the marquis?" she inquired.

"In the garden," was the answer, "extolling to nature the beauties of the American language, and contracting the grip."

She turned her face a little toward him.

"Then you have not told him?"

"Did you not say I must not?" he demanded aggressively.

"Oh, Tom!" she said, "dear Tom!" and slid into his arms.

What could he do then?

But, Evvy," he complained with clouded brow, "my silence does not make the matter any the less outrageous. Rather more so."

"Yes," she said, raising her face to his "you respected my wishes."

He patted her hand.

"But what is to be done?" he asked. "We cannot let these people go on in this way Imagine them at Mrs. Montgomery's ball this evening!"

'We will not go to the ball," said Evvy

"But," he persisted "the old man is wild to go, that he may see an assembly of polite Americans."

Evvy thought a moment.

"Would a mere [illegible] your guests at home?" he asked quickly

"Ralph could take them—cards have come for them."

Then," said Evvy with determination and breaking from him, "Ralph must do something—he must have hydrophobia, or something—Fido shall be forced to bite him. Ralph!" she called, "Ralph!"

Ralph had not been far off, and here he was, as crushed a specimen of the genus homo as any flagrant scientist would care to see. He threw himself upon a sofa.

'Evvy," he said "what have I done!"

"It is not what you have already done," she responded with some asperity "it is what you have yet to do. You must have a fit or commit suicide, a something that we may have an excuse for staying away from the ball."

"Let it be suicide" he said sepulchrally, and they both looked at him—even Jardine felt a little less hard. He would have read Ralph an improving lecture had not Marie put her pretty face into the room. But her face was frightened too.

'Ralph!' she said, looking helplessly at Evvy and Jardine, "Madame say Ralph is not kind, and I say 'Fatal' when she cry out and zo femme de chambre say madame have so hystrike, and fire me out."

"Oh," cried Evvy, "poor mamma!" and agitatedly left the room.

Then Marie saw Ralph on the sofa. She flew to him

"Co pauvre, Ralph!"

"Oh, Marie!" he groaned.

She kneeled beside him, laying her hand on his hot head.

'You are not well," she said.

'No," he answered, "oh, no."

She stripped off her gloves.

"Zen I go not to se bal," she said, "to sit on zo dudes." She turned to Jardine. "My festive friend," she said, "please tell papa I remain in se house tonight, his nobs is not well."

Jardine brightened a little

"That makes four at home," he said, "Evvy, her mother-and these two Maybe I can frighten the old man with tales of the Indians that may swoop down upon us," and he made for the garden.

"Ah," said Marie to Ralph, "it is se large head. I will base it—ve will get zo bulge on se headache," and going to a jar filled with roses she dipped her handkerchief into the water there and brought it back to the sofa. "Oh, Marie!" said Ralph, as the cool water trickled around his ears and down his back.

"Eau!" said Marie, "yes, it is l'eau. Zat is all—l'eau."

"Oh, Marie!"

"Over" she laughed tenderly, "you owe me nozings—it is mere vater on se brain," and she bathed his brow again. "Owe! Zat sounds like se pawn man, se oncle, se spout, se hock. But you do not laugh! Ah, se head aches—ah, se head so full of se beautiful E-english! Ze plaisir for me to speak wiz you in your own tong."

"If you only could not," he groaned to himself. "If you only could not."

But she heard him.

"You vish I could not?" she cried. "Mercy! Dites-moi ce qui en est. Vat you giving us—did you not teach us se tong, you, se savant, se college man? Give us se rest! Zat is too thin! Bosh!"

Ralph writhed.

"Marie, listen," he said. "This is torture—it has been torture ever since I met you."

Marie rose to her feet.

"Vat!" she cried. "Since you met me! You love me not—you vould shake me!"

Ralph caught her gown.

"I would die for you," he said.

"Zare is posing mean about me," she said rather suspiciously; "live for me. I care not for any die in mine. Every time."

Ralph raised himself on his elbow.

"Promise me," he said, with wild energy, "that, some what may, you will not leave me."

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THE LACE KERCHIEF.

I.

"I hear compositions; it is so very exciting."

I can never forget that winter, "the winter of my discontent," and of my great happiness!

We young people had been going from home to home in parties, and at last my time came around to entertain. I invited to Carter Hall, my home in Clarke county, Va., my cousins, Susan Randolph and Jane Page, Cornelia Cabell (a friend from Winchester) and a Miss Ogden, of New York, who was a guest of Janet's. The gentlemen were Will Lewis, Frank Washington, Tom McCormick—all three neighborhood beaux—and a Mr. Ernest McAllister, who had just arrived from New York, and was staying with his old college friend, Will Lewis.

Mr. McAllister had visited Clarke the summer before, and having heard of the delightful winter we had, was not slow in accepting an invitation to come and see for himself if it were true. Being very wealthy he could do as he pleased, but his ideas of enjoyment were rather peculiar.

For five or six years he had traveled, and on his return to New York he declined all invitations, shutting himself up in an old country house about three miles from the city, where he collected rare old books, china and pictures. On his occasional visits to New York he was pointed out as a most desirable "parti," rich, of an old family, and a genius in his way.

To my great surprise—for I have always had a very humble opinion of myself—in the summer he had seemed to enjoy my society more than that of the other girls. Consequently, I was much teased by them. Indeed, ill natured speeches were made, such as

"Annie, do pray, try not to show him how pleased you are with his attentions."

Another said, "He is engaged to a cousin who is abroad;" and again I was told it was only "pour passer le temps"—he had been a desperate flirt.

I knew they were spiteful, envious speeches—but they left their sting, and I began to be "conscious" when in his presence, and so stiff in my manner he remarked upon it.

day and said, "For your good, dear Annie, let me say, beware of his fascinations," and yet that very friend received his attentions most eagerly. In spite of my coldness he sought me on every occasion, and I caught myself listening for his step, and brightening at his coming. At the last summer gathering he told me he would look forward with so much pleasure to the winter, and to seeing me again. On that last sentence I had pondered many a day It might mean so much—or nothing at all

The winter came at last. And from house to house we had gone without Mr. McAllister. It had been one round of gayety, and yet he did not come until the very last—after we had almost given him up—and to come to my house created quite a sensation Then Miss Ogden came A regal looking brunette and immensely wealthy. Jane asked me to invite her, saying she could not come without her She told us she was engaged to her cousin, Mr. Livingstone, of New York, and the marriage would take place in the early spring. "So, girls," she added, "she cannot spoil our fun, or mar any plans on hand," the last remark being addressed to me.

My company arrived February eighth and were to remain until after the fourteenth, when I promised to give a ball. How well I remember my sensations on first beholding Miss Ogden (a full evening dress. (We had agreed always to appear "en grande toilette" for dinner.) She wore crimson velvet, trimmed with ermine. Her beauty fairly dazzled me. I watched her as she talked to Mr McAllister When she raised her glorious eyes to his my heart sank within me—and a faint, sick feeling overcame me. How could a man resist such beauty! She turned from all others to talk to him, compelling him to remain by her side I glanced down at my modest looking pink merino gown that heretofore I had thought so handsome and becoming. Now it seemed positively dowdy

At night we had a dance, and to hide my uneasiness I appeared the merriest of the merry. Poor Frank Washington, who had been my abject slave from our babyhood, and who I ordered about at my pleasure, was much encouraged that evening. Miss Ogden was not his style.

"Miss Annie," said he, "she reminds me of a gorgeous tropical flower in which poison lurks. Somehow I do not trust her That lip has a scornful curve, and she appears too conscious of her charms. Don't you think so?"

"It is too soon to form an opinion, and I ask you must remember she is my guest, and be polite."

"Be polite," he exclaimed. "Why, I went over to the corner where she sits in such splendor, and she coolly turned her back on me to prevent that Philadelphian from leaving her. I think she is rude."

"Oh!" laughed I, "that is the reason you are mad. You are not the favored one. Try again. A little disdain to begin with is sometimes a good sign, and many grandes passions have commenced thus."

Frank's face was a study as I said this.

"Annie, don't be a goose, if you do treat me like a dog. You know well the only grande passion I have ever had!"

"My dear boy, you will count them on both hands before you die. Are you going to leave me?"

Detaining him, I said: "First tell me how I look. I am so anxious to be beautiful."

"Well enough," he answered.

"Oh, Frank! Can't you say anything more when I have on my prettiest gown!"

"Shall I say you remind me of the damask rose, so fragrant and beautiful, but rare nowadays."

"Yes," sweetly I replied; "do say it, dear Frank."

"I wish from the bottom of my heart you did not."

"Did not what, Frank? I declare Miss Ogden has upset you entirely. I shall leave until you are in a better humor."

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ADVERTISING RATES.

SMETHPORT, Pa., Jan. 22, 1892

SMARTY had every thing his own way at the meeting of the Democratic State Committee in Harrisburg on Wednesday of this week He will hereafter be recognized as the Democratic boss of the State, sure

THE husband of the Clermont branch of the W N P P R R has increased greatly since the new board of directors was elected in Philadelphia the other day Large numbers of mail trains are passing over that road daily.

IT looks very much as though the Baker ballot law would prove to be an exceedingly cumbersome affair in the carrying on of elections, and that a trial of it will bring about a pretty general desire for its repeal by the next Legislature

THERE has been much talk within the past few days of war with Chili But there will be no war Before that crisis is reached the men who are at the head of the government of that little east coast of 3,000,000 people on the western coast of South America will beg to be excused from entering into so foolhardy an undertaking

THE November election in this State this year will be an exceedingly important one. Besides the Presidential electors to be voted for there is to be elected a Supreme Court Justice two Congressmen at large, a Congressman in each of the Congressional districts twenty-five State Senators, 204 members of the lower house of the Legislature and the county officers in each county

THE Republicans of the country will watch the action of the Senate Committee on Post Offices, in their disposition of the President's appointment of Mr. Rathbun as P M of Elmira, with considerable interest. David B Hill the boss chief of the country is protesting against that appointment, and the respectable people of the country are desirous of knowing whether that scoundrel has more influence with the committee than the President

A FEW days ago the great daily papers were talking about an interview Senator Quay had with Gen Alger of Michigan. The interview was reported to be very private but wonderfully significant Senator Quay says that he met Gen Alger with several other gentlemen for a few moments but had no private interview therefore must be enterprising even to make itself ridiculous in getting there

REV WM A RANKIN formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church in Warren, died of the grip in that place on Monday morning last He aged 62 years Several years ago Mr Rankin owned a farm and engaged in the oil business in which he was quite successful In 1888 he was the Democratic nominee for Congress in this district but there were too many Republican voters at the polls to give him a seat in Congress.

DR WM C Sherbeck a former resident of Beaver county this State and a surgeon of a Pennsylvania Regiment in the War of the Rebellion, died at his home in Fargo North Dakota, on Sunday night last Dr Sherbeck was very well known through out Pennsylvania having represented Beaver county in the Legislature in the sessions of 1870 and '71 at 1 was clerk of the House in 1877 and '79 He was a genial, whole souled gentleman and was very popular with all his acquaintances.

THE death of Prince Albert Duke of Clarence and Avondale the eldest son of the Prince of Wales, and the heir-presumptive to the British throne which occurred on Thursday of last week at his father's country seat near London, created a profound sensation throughout the civilized world The Prince was an amiable young man of 28 years of age and was about to be married to Princess May of Teck His brother, Prince George of Wales, now becomes the heir apparent to the throne, and if he outlives his father and grandmother, Queen Victoria, will sometime in the future be crowned King of England

THERE are a good many candidates for the vacancy in the Supreme Court bench around the St to but none that we know of in advance or more sensible in this section Yet there are at least two men in the counties referred to who are the peers as jurists of any of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania They are broad minded men and thoroughly versed in the laws of the Nation as well as of the State. They are not seekers after the office for they believe that an office of that character should seek the man. We refer to President Judge A G Olmsted of this district and ex Judge W D Brown of Warren

TWO of the most distinguished Catholics of the Catholic Church died on Thursday of last week Cardinal Manning died at his home in London in the 83d year of his age. He was consecrated Archbishop of Westminster in 1865. Subsequently he became a Cardinal and was created a Cardinal by Pope Pius IX in 1875, the title assigned him being St. Andrew and Gregory on Caelian Hill. Cardinal Howard Stonehurst died in Rome in the 83d year of his age. He was created a Cardinal by Pope Pius IX in 1875 and in 1879 was appointed Cardinal Stonehurst Perfect Protector of the Sacred College of the Propaganda Fides, by Pope Leo XIII.

SILVER SALE.

We have a good friend in Leadville, Colorado, who has always been an ardent Republican, from the days when he fought border ruffians, in their attempts to make a slave State of Kansas. His favors the free coinage of silver to the extent of voting the Democratic ticket next fall, unless the Republicans assist in securing free coinage legislation. Read the following extract from a letter written by him dated Jan. 13th

"I see the East is bound to force the silver states into the Democratic party At ever a new harvest there is a louder Cleveland's administration, I see you understand that when you get rid of the silver question you deprive the people of the gold producing states of their interest They practically own the Utes states to all intents and purposes this is to say their land, gold and the very metals are always purchased In this and last year the government has paid out over 100 000 000 for silver bullion and coin and the Democratic party is the party which has fought it all the time Now if you will take the silver issue from the Democratic party Leadville Colorado and the whole silver producing states will be against the Democratic party for a generation to come Now I am a Republican and I am opposed to allowing Cleveland to organize that power. Who wants cheap money to pay Indian war bonds and every other bond will be interested in getting Cleveland to power. Now I am a Republican, and I am for silver, and I am for it out, and out for it, and I am for it by the Republicans, or I will go out, and out for it, and I am for it by the Republicans, or I will go out, and out for it, and I am for it by the Republicans, or I will go

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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Civil court convened Monday

St. Valentine's day comes next

Who will be our next burgomaster?

How about that leap year party?

The Grand Central's new [illegible] beauty

A home-talent dramatic association is talked of

Painted things, the last at fair with the fair sex in French

The best place to hold the world's fair is about the middle

Stickney & Ritchie have a very attractive window display

A merry party of young people leave town from Clermont Sunday

The *Press* asserts that over the grippe is superior to the grip

The thermometer touched zero several times the past week

—Tuesday was the coldest night of the present [illegible]

—Our theaters seem to be [illegible] awaiting the next entertainment

Cameron is the smallest county in the State in point of population

Is snow one kicking at you? guess stand this weather we like it [illegible]

Rev J E Heine preached [illegible] Friday) evening on A Quartet of Pr

—The ice harvest has commenced [illegible] ice 8 to 10 inches thick is being secured

Girls have it all their own way in this year of grace Take them for your prerogatives, girls.

Every business man should attend the Board of Trade meeting See notice in another column

—Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent, this year falls on March 2d Easter Sunday on April 17

The grip, which has been leading a severe combat with Chas Bennett, has finally been overcome

—The Port Allegany [illegible] which have been closed for [illegible] the [illegible] reopened Monday

Brother [illegible] received their quietus, at least they have very little to say these days.

—Counting on the chickens [illegible] stopped or we may be called upon to chronicle some serious accidents.

—Court in Session will be the subject at the M E Church next Sunday evening Rev E E Heine will preach.

—The work of rebuilding the elevator of the B R & N R R recently burned down by fire in Bradford has been commenced

—An oil well in California which for a number of years has furnished a hot water bath suddenly turned into a cold well

—Teams have been in active demand for several hours and many have been kept busy from New York state during the past two weeks.

—What December failed to give us in winter weather January is making up for and we are not getting it in large quantities down either

—The State Board of Health has adopted a resolution considering the transportation by rail or steamer of the bodies of persons who died of contagious diseases

The revival services at the M E Church are still being held and the interest continues unabated The pastor Rev E E Heine is assisted by Rev Brougton of Farmers Valley

—A most delightful party was given by Mr and Mrs S L Keenan at their residence on Main street on Wednesday evening An entertainment Mr and Mrs Keenan are a great success

—Contractor John Carlson is engaged on the interior brickwork of the new Episcopal Church The architectural effects of the windows have been completed and present a very handsome appearance

—A charter has been granted by the State Department for the Conderport & Wellsburg railroad The road will run from Gal ton to Amsonia, a distance of thirteen miles, and will be a standard gauge

—Cards of thanks, so common and unnecessary have an appropriate climax in the case of a Kansas woman who publicly thanks her friends for the valuable assistance rendered in aiding her to secure a divorce from her husband

—Howard Wilson, of the Novelty Restaurant, is nothing if not enterprising Not satisfied with fitting up as neat a dining room as can be found in this section, he is now engaged in fitting up an elegant parlor for lady patrons.

—A Philadelphia tobacco store has a clock whose frame is made from cigar boxes fitted together; the round dial is marked by a coating of smoking tobacco. Two clay pipes of different lengths serve for the hands and the figures are made of cigarettes.

—The young ladies of the St Cecelia society will have a sale of cooked food at the Guild room Saturday, January 23, from 3 to 8 p. m. The food will consist of white bread, Boston brown bread, cakes, cookies, doughnuts, pies, baked beans and salad. They will serve oysters until 6:30 p. m.

—The first step in what may soon lead to the establishment of an Episcopal Church and parish at Mt. Jewett, was taken last Sunday. The resident members here determined to assemble each Sunday morning and listen to the reading of their services. The first meeting was held last Sunday

—Conductor Richmond's train on the B R & K R R, leaving Bradford at 4.50, jumped the track between Sheldon and Lytbone, at a point known as Beartown, on Saturday afternoon The smoking car was derailed and badly damaged several persons were in the car, but all escaped uninjured

Dan Bralsford has sold the building recently occupied by D [illegible] barber as a tailor shop and will continue the business, in fact is already prepared to serve the public He has several [illegible] needed repairs and improvements We bespeak for Mr B a liberal patronage

[illegible] Mark Twain is credited [illegible] The American Claimant which is being published in Sunday issues of the Philadelphia *Inquirer* there appears in the last issue a reference to Col Mulberry Sellers [illegible] Twain's [illegible] Major Sellers [illegible] Major [illegible] Herald and the [illegible] remarks certain [illegible] Twain [illegible]

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' Gas Co held in this place on Monday last a dividend of 7 per cent was declared and [illegible] Superintendent Bell [illegible] will [illegible] father Accountant [illegible] was also appointed We believe the company is to be congratulated in regard to the [illegible] New York gas is [illegible] better

Next to township [illegible] the whole interest of this place centers in the Supreme Court [illegible] which cannot get to a hundred [illegible] on the Supreme Court [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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"Like all the rest," he angrily began. "Clumsiness again! I cannot listen, so goodby"

Later in the evening he humbly apologized for his rudeness and assured me my gown was lovely. When we went up stairs Jane proposed they should all adjourn to my room, after donning wrappers, and we would tell compliments.

"Is that a new game?" asked Miss Ogden.

"Oh, no," we answered. "Come try it. You ought to like it very much."

Seeing her look of bewilderment Jane informed her that we met occasionally to tell all the good things we had heard said of one another. It was a great comfort to some of us when we are discouraged even if we know the good thing" is not exactly true. It was throwing sand in our neighbor's eyes at any rate.

I am inclined to think, Kate, it will do you harm make you vain and conceited."

Thank you, I reckon I can stand it."

"Oh," laughed Cornelia, you reckon too."

When in Rome I do as the Romans and speak as the Romans," she said "it makes one feel at home."

A half hour later they assembled in my room Cornelia coming last she declared the hall was one of the prettiest passing as she ran through the hall.

Well" said Susie, he must be more impressed. Your getup is most artistic and peculiar but your festive attire was so very different he may have taken you for Annette for whom he was looking to order his water That pig's tail" pointing to her long plait, makes one hungry"

"Hush your nonsense" said the amiable Cornelia and let us begin, for it is long after twelve o'clock"

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The open fire was bright and cheery Miss Ogden lazily reclined in a big easy chair beside and Jane took the lounge Cornelia stretched herself full length on the fur rug and I had a low rocking chair

This is a great deal nicer" said Cornelia with a yawn "than being in full dress down stairs."

That depends," answered Jane Katherine does not think so—do you dear?"

I must be frank and confess I am very fond of good honest society but," with a smile "has a place for awhile"

Listen whispered Susie, so superior"

Well" began Jane I think girls Kate has made a confession, and the charming retreat has been caught at last. He told me her eyes were dangerously beautiful and"—

Oh hush" interrupted Miss Ogden. How can you talk such nonsense? Besides I am tired of hearing my eyes are beautiful. Of course I know they are Tell me who he is and how came he to be in Virginia? I am interested in him"

And enough to tell you. She knows more about him than we" said Jane

He is a gentleman" I replied and a friend of Will Lowis

Good" said Jane and tell of his wealth and grand old family"

You may have the pleasure Jane"

Well Kate she is too shy to speak of her cool admirer so I must do it for her You must be informed He was Annie's shadow last summer So take care you may be trespassing"

Oh" replied Miss Ogden with much vivacity I love competition it is so very exciting Annie—may I not call you Annie?—let me enter the field with you"

Indeed you may" I quickly said and I do fear I might be ignominiously routed I will retire in good time I yield Miss Ogden to your very superior charms"

Since you yield you admit there has been some dissension if nothing more serious"

She bent forward in her eagerness to hear my reply

As I have retired from the field it is useless quibbling over words As my guest I will [illegible] or enter [illegible]

She is not the only [illegible] to [illegible] for at last answered [illegible] the option [illegible]

[illegible] I will make [illegible] to yield to any one more gracefully than myself but the slight sly attitude girls put on bear the given me a perfect right to cut her out"

An easy task" I proudly replied, since I have never been more than a summer friend and as some one kindly told me your name is "sonja."

Dear little Susie broke in at this point and said

Annie he thinks you have a lovely disposition and the sweetest smile he ever saw"—

That is like saying How good oatmeal is," laughed Miss Ogden in a most exasperating way

Well" answered loyal Susie I am sure it is better than beauty with ill nature."

May be so. I am sleepy and must say good night. Come Jane"

Cornelia refused to leave her comfortable rug until something had been told her for the trouble of coming and "making a fright of myself," she added.

I whispered in her ear Tom thinks you are lovely" and from low telltale blush I knew she was satisfied

Susie about her for at the retreating figure of Miss Ogden and said as she put her arm around me Selfish thing She hear I what was said of her as I kissed it (so in spite of her grand show of indifference to such nonsense and then we all got it) ten to praise of me. Never mind Annie dear I will tell you in bed. I wish she had not come." And in my heart I wish it too.

(To be continued next week.)

How to Deliver a Letter of Introduction.

The person to whom a letter of introduction has been given about to leave it at the house of the person to whom it is addressed, together with his own card on which is his address. His part is then done except to await the pleasure of the one whose acquaintance he seeks. The latter ought, according to good form, to return (within twenty four hours, if possible some kindly attention, such as a call a note of invitation, etc

A Newspaper Critic.

It is certain that journalism has no severer critics than some of those who are found in its own ranks. The other day a man who works on an evening sheet was asked something about an article that had appeared in that paper. He knew nothing about it. "What!" said his questioner, "don't you read your own newspaper?" "Read my own paper" he answered scornfully, "that reminds me of the story of Blobbs and Jinks, you know. They were Bohemians and had got dreadfully run down. One day Blobbs went into a horribly cheap restaurant and sat down at a table to order a meal, when up rushed Jinks in a waiter's apron to get his order Blobbs was struck nearly dumb, but he managed to blurt out, 'Good heavens, Jinks, you don't mean to tell me—' Jinks looked at him very loftily 'I wait here,' said he, in a crushing tone, 'but I don't eat here!' The inquirer was left to make his own application of the story. He had no difficulty in doing so.—Boston Transcript.

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DECORATIVE NOVELTIES.

Tasteful and Artistic Furnishings for Dining Room and Drawing Room.

The handles of table knives are now made in china to match the plates. There are sets of china knife handles for each course. Those for poultry have heads of the victims and little fluffy chicks and ducks upon them. Those used with the game course have tiny flights of partridge and miniature long legged snipe painted on them.

The jeweled or filigree picture frames are exquisite and beautiful. Those which are heart shaped are newest, and a pretty face, surrounded by a heart line of sparkling rhinestones, is a very desirable factor to the odd bits of a room.

If the top of your ornamental mantel forms a deep shelf arrange it in this way In the center of the shelf set a small palm In front and on each side of this place smaller plants, ferns, geraniums or anything you prefer. Bank it into a glowing mass of color Then around the edges, front and side, train small dainty vines to droop over the mantel mirror or to climb upward on invisible wires. The effect is one of which you will never tire

Manufacturers of curtain poles are now furnishing them in tints from the palest and softest of the rose hues and cream to the deep olive greens. We are becoming impressed with the propriety of having things harmonize.

Services of gilt are beautiful. They cost less than more expensive the amount of solid silver and are equally imperishable. They are highly ornamented and engraved in the most exquisite designs or elaborated with the most highly polished relief work in fruit or flower pieces, with the leaves and stems in the rough work The Decorator and Furnisher in which the foregoing notes are found describes a beautiful cake basket in the gilt style It was square with a slightly fluted rim. A cluster of apples upon a branch rose in relief from the gilt lined bottom. The [illegible] was burnished bril Lastly and the eaves in varying shades, among which was found green and dull pink. The handle was a continuous cluster of fruit leaves and knotty stems arranged in open work and wrought in the tints of the cup or design

A Parisian Knickknack.

There are many pretty notions in photograph holders of various sorts, and among them the following pretty arrangement from Paris.

This is a triangular panel covered with old gold plush and framed and divided

A HANGING PHOTOGRAPH HOLDER.

into two sections by a Louis XVI gallon with bows and knots of warm ribbon At the back of the top one is inserted a loop of gold cord to suspend the frame to the wall The branch of artificial flowers is fastened high by at one side

Foreign Ways of Cooking Goose.

The usual way to prepare a goose for the family dinner table is to cut off it with sage and onion stuffing, [illegible] or bake it and to serve with brown gravy and apple sauce Those however who object to the full flavor of onion stuffing will add try the following German recipes

Prepare the goose as usual for roasting, peel and cut up apples into pieces the size of nuts or chestnuts all three ounces of four ounces of [illegible] well cleaned and plumped in boiling water put a piece of butter with the apples Fill the [illegible] and close it with skewer pressing and roast Prepare half [illegible] and [illegible] cut [illegible] filling are also and

Stewed [illegible] Prepare [illegible] as in the first [illegible] stewpan with a [illegible] of [illegible] In When this is [illegible] the goose put [illegible] and half [illegible] in the gravy and let it [illegible] all together with a heavy and pour them [illegible] same with salt Pepper a glass of white wine and a little tarragon vinegar to flavor Cover and let steam awhile Peel and cut turnips in small thin slices let them [illegible] half an hour in cold water Make a piece of butter hot in a stewpan put in a chopped onion and when it has steamed a few minutes, put in the turnips with some salt let them steam till they are [illegible] and yellow Supply a little water [illegible] prevent their burning

Potpourri and Heliotrope Sachet.

Years ago ladies used to make their own potpourri Every rose in the drawing room was filled with it. Here is a good recipe for potpourri as given by a lover of the art of potpourri [illegible] In a mixture of dried flowers and spices not ground. The salt may be omitted [illegible] is used by persons to increase the bulk and weight of the product Dried lavender 1 pound whole rose leaves 1 pound crushed orris (coarse powder) half an ounce broken cinnamon bark half an ounce broken allspice 3 ounces cloves half an ounce pound

This is a recipe for heliotrope sachet. It is one of the most fragrant sachets made and its odor is exactly like the flower from which it takes its name. Powdered orris, 4 pounds rose leaves, ground 1 pound tonka beans ground 1 pound vanilla beans, 4 pounds ground gum benzoin 4 ounces, musk, 3 drops. When well mixed by sifting in a coarse sieve it is fit for use

Retelling a Bright Remark.

We heard a friend speak of a little episode in the W C T U meetings when Miss Willard the president was presented with an acre of land on Mount Desert, state of Maine and upon receiving the gift thanked the W C T U and the Maine-ites who were present. Our friend remarked Miss Willard was very happy in her reply and expressed her gratitude to the W C T U and the other lunatics who so kindly remembered her"—Congregationalist.

Warned in Time.

People will have themselves largely to blame if the horrid grip secures a foothold here this winter The board of health sounds a note of warning a few months ago. Physicians all agree that with proper precautions the disease may be prevented. Aged and enfeebled persons, in fact anyone whose system is run down require a healthful stimulant just now The medical faculty are a unit upon this point. Kiehl's "Silver Age" and "Duquesne" rye whiskies which sell respectively at $1 50 and $1 25 per full quart are the purest and best stimulants known The most skilled practitioners in the country indorse and prescribe these brands and leading hospitals use them exclusively Major Kiehl also sells Gerkenbrunner Flinch, Gibson, Overholt and Bear Creek at $1 per quart or six quarts for $5. His establishment is headquarters for everything in the liquor line. Goods expressed everywhere. Send for catalogue, mentioning this paper to,

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GOOD HEALTH

EPIDEMIC INFLUENZA.

Facts Bearing on the Theory of Propagation by Personal Contact.

In opposition to the theory that influenza is a disease not dependent upon personal contact of individuals for its progression that it is not evolved by the intrinsical operations of a specific poison and propagated through and by means of the ordinary channels of human intercourse, it is mentioned in the Journal of the American Medical Association that during the epidemic preceding the present one observers noted that the course of influenza was independent of, and quite opposed to, the prevailing winds. It traveled slowly in Siberia and Russia, but rapidly as soon as it reached the network of railways in central and western Europe

Its course was changed by the mountain ranges of Scandinavia, and it invaded Norway not from Sweden but from Holland and England Again it was deflected by the Carpathians, turning its course in the channels of travel down the valley of the Danube and ultimately following in direction and time the ocean routes to Africa, India, Australia and this country In India it has shown the same peculiarities in following the railway lines as has been observed with us.

The Hair and the Complexion.

The first rule for keeping the hair glossy and thick is to let the scalp be perfectly clean. Hair should never be tied up too tightly and hot irons should be carefully avoided The more loose and unconfined the hair is allowed to be at night the better The hair coming out can be obviated by a mixture of bay rum; cantharides, castor oil and carbonate of ammonia rubbed into the roots twice a week

It is best for the general health and consequently for the complexion to avoid worry to sleep well and be careful of diet Cold water is the best of all tonics, and it is the fashion of the present day for the sex who make the complexion a study to add to the use of cold in preference to hot water Overeating coarsens the skin One complexion specialist advises for rough and pimpled skins an ointment composed of 2 ounces of wax 3 ounces of cocoa butter 4 ounces of almond oil and 20 drops of attar of rose and applied at night.

The cold water may be softened by adding a teaspoonful of either oatmeal, pure alcohol or powdered borax Having rinsed the face with this wash it with a lather composed of transparent unscented soap this must be rubbed on only with the hands and vigorously as the friction is good for the skin Then rub the face hard with a soft towel and subsequently with a chamois leather a little plain unscented powder

Anesthesia by the Use of Cold

A new method of producing anesthesia by the application of cold the characteristic feature of which is that the part to be affected is touched not by the cold producing agent but by a metallic tube or chamber which is cooled by carbonic acid is described by Dr Wiesenberger The cold necessary to the requirements of the case be regulated for in the temperature of cold water is one sufficiently low to cauterize As the instrument may be manufactured of almost any shape it is evident that this new method may be used for a variety of purposes This simple turning of a tap will regulate the stream of carbonic acid to any degree of temperature down to 4 degs. Fahrenheit No moisture is produced In using this cold for the purpose of cauterizing the surgeon has the advantage of producing anesthesia at the same time When applying it to any of the internal cavities such as the mouth it is necessary to have the parts carefully dried, as the tissues would otherwise adhere to the instrument The Lancet tells that Dr Kummel used this method so successfully in a hospital case at Hamburg that the patient a boy looked on without pain, the muscle while a deep incision of twelve centimeters in length was made in his thigh

ETIQUETTE

SOCIAL NICETIES

Trifling Amenities of Fashionable Life Which Are Their Own Excuse for Being.

Many an all absorbing wh the inquest and regard as among the fads of fashionable life all weather whims of the [illegible] and a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] person of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] any one [illegible] any says Harper's Bazar will illustrate this theory as follows

Where the [illegible] speaking woman is stamped as vulgar for example it is not only because the same action connects her [illegible] with the fish women [illegible] Billingsgate but because the loud voice is unsuited to dwelling rooms, lifts the ears of the hearers, allows every one to know all the speaker's business and often that of other people and betrays if not a coarse nature, at least an untrained and unattractive manner while loud talk is within doors it acts a greatly worse part without where it attracts attention and invites insults but without and within it is now mainly and it being generally admitted that the part of refinement good breeding and good feeling is to excite as little remark as possible upon the street. Loud talk is now so decidedly recognized as a vulgarity

As much contempt is showered upon the system of visiting cards as upon anything else in the line of social niceties but when it is remembered that the card represents the individual as the bank bill represents the gold coin it will be seen it is the card to send out on an embassy and plays a useful part in social diplomacy But of paste board as it is it pays compliments acknowledges attention serves in place of its owner invites, declines, apologizes and in fact does the work of a footman as well that the beauty It has known existence for a long time, and if we looked into the matter still more at length we must doubt we would find that in almost every instance the thing criticised is a valuable usage

A Pleasing Experiment

The cut here given represents a pretty experiment in connection with the coronary of a necklace

EXPERIMENT ON THE CONVEXITY OF A MENISCUS.

Take a glass and fill it up to the brim, being careful that the meniscus be concave; near it place a pile of nickels. Then ask some amateur how many nickels can be put into the glass without the water overflowing. Every one who is not familiar with the experiment will answer that it will only be possible to put in one or two whereas it is possible to put in a considerable number even ten or twelve. As the pennies are carefully and slowly dropped in the surface of the liquid will be seen to become more and more convex, and one is surprised to what an extent this convexity increases before the water overflows.

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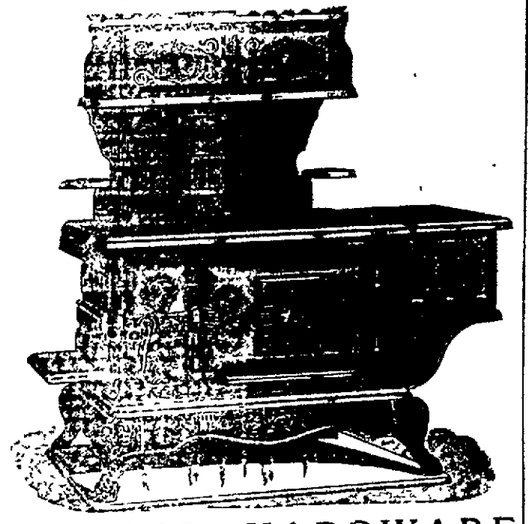

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BUFFALO MAIL ..... 2:30 P. M.
Train leaving Smethport at 8:30 P. M. connects at Eldred with R. & S. for Bradford at Olean with Rochester for Allegany, Salamanca Oil City and Pittsburg
For Clermont, Johnsonburg and points south,
CLERMONT MAIL ..... 7:10 A. M.
CLERMONT ACCOMMODATION ..... 12:30 P. M.
LOCAL ..... 7:00 P. M.
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a.m.	a.m.		STATIONS	a.m.	p.m.
8 15	10	.....	Lv. Bradford Ar.	6 05	5 00
8 11	10	.....	Kinzua Jct.	6 09	5 04
8 03	9 52	.....	Corydon	6 20	5 17
7 56	9 45	.....	Kasson	6 27	5 24
7 50	9 39	.....	Mt. Jewett	6 33	5 30
7 45	9 34	.....	Ormsby	6 38	5 35
7 40	9 30	.....	Hutchins	6 42	5 39
7 35	9 25	.....	Ar. Kane Lv.	6 45	5 45
p.m.	p.m.			a.m.	p.m.
7 35	9 25	.....	Lv. Kane Ar.	7 15	6 05
7 27	9 17	.....	Little Genesee	7 23	6 13
7 23	9 13	.....	Lv. Bolivar Ar.	7 28	6 18
7 15	9 05	.....	Allentown	7 36	6 25
7 05	8 55	.....	Ar. Wellsville Lv.	7 45	6 35
p.m.	p.m.			a.m.	p.m.
7 35	9 25	.....	Lv. Bradford Ar.	7 15	6 05
7 43	9 33	.....	Custer City	7 07	5 57
7 47	9 37	.....	Port Allegany	7 03	5 53
7 55	9 45	.....	Knox	6 55	5 45
8 00	9 50	.....	Larrabee	6 50	5 40
8 05	9 55	.....	Ar. Smethport Lv.	6 45	5 35

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8 10 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Kane, Ridgway, Kittanning, Clarion, Corsica, Brookville, Punxsutawney, Driftwood, Renovo, Lock Haven, Williamsport, Sunbury, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and New York.
2 30 p. m.—Buffalo Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Mechias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, Leroy and Rochester
5 30 p. m.—Mail—For Kane, Ridgway, Brookville, Punxsutawney, Driftwood, Renovo, Lock Haven, Williamsport, Sunbury, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and New York.
8 30 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Sundays only. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.
LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND.
6 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburgh, Ridgway, Brockwayville, Dubois and Punxsutawney
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Cole Brook Railway
Time Table, taking effect Monday, July 4 1887

AM	PM	STATIONS.	AM	PM
11 15	3 10	1 05	Conderport	9 30	1 30
11 01	2 56	1 01	Line Creek Jct	9 45	1 45
10 40	2 35	1 02	Hazard	9 51	1 51
10 30	2 25	2 10	Fish Basket	10 05	2 05
10 11	2 06	2 30	Olmsted	10 21	2 21
10 11	2 06	2 40	Mina	10 31	2 31
10 04	2 00	2 45	Jones Run	10 40	2 40
9 58	12 54	2 50	Hollenbeck	10 45	2 45
9 52	12 48	2 55	Pomeroy Bridge	10 50	2 50
9 47	12 43	3 00	Bartville	10 55	2 55
9 40	12 36	3 05	Coreman	11 00	3 00
9 30	12 30	3 10	Port Allegany	11 10	3 10

Trains run on eastern standard time.
E. A. McCLURE, Supt.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD
PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE, in effect Nov 13, 1887
TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION
EASTWARD.
8 28 a. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6 50 p. m., New York 9 10 p. m., Baltimore 6 45 p. m., Washington 7 10 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.
2 55 p. m.—Train 8, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6 25 p. m., New York 9 00 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.
7 30 p. m.—Train 4, daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6 30 a. m., New York 9 00 a. m., Baltimore 6 20 a. m., Washington 7 30 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Erie to Philadelphia. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.
WESTWARD.
2 15 a. m.—Train 3, 4 by except Sunday for Ridgway, Dubois Clearfield and intermediate stations, arrive Ridgway 5 00 p. m. for Erie.
10 30 a. m.—Train 5, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.
7 40 p. m.—Train 11 daily except Sunday Kane and intermediate stations.
THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH
Train 4 leaves Newton 6 45 a. m. daily except Sunday, arrives at Emporium Jct. 8 55 a. m.
Train 11 leaves Philadelphia 4 30 a. m. Washington 8 00 a. m. Baltimore 8 30 a. m. daily except Sunday arriving at Emporium Junction 7 30 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.
Train 9 leaves New York 8 00 a. m. Philadelphia 11 20 a. m. Washington 10 30 p. m. Baltimore 11 30 p. m. daily arriving at Emporium Junction 7 30 p. m. with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to

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NORTH A. M.	P. M.	STATIONS.	SOUTH A. M.	P. M.
9 00	.....	Ridgway	11 15	
9 30	.....	Johnsonburg	11 45	
9 38	.....	Glen Hazel	11 53	
10 0	.....	Straight	12 15	
10 24	.....	Iron Mine	11 14	
10 30	.....	Smith's Run	11 07	
10 40	.....	Vineyard	11 02	
10 46	.....	Clermont	10 45	

Connections are made with train 1, leaving Johnsonburg at 7.30 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 6.20 p. m. at 9.0 Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 1.45 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York Baltimore and Washington.
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